REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and discussion below.

Claims 28-52, 56 and 56-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indicated at item 3 with respect to the dependency of the claims while claims 35-37 are rejected with respect to the term "about" and claims 27, 28, 39, 42, 44-46 and 53 are rejected with respect to the term "adapting".

In response to these rejections, Applicants have amended claims 28-52, 56 and 59-63 to provide the proper dependence and have modified claims 35-37 to eliminate the term "about". Finally, claims 27, 28, 39, 42, 44-46 and 53 have been amended to replace the term "adapting" with the term "modifying" in order to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 although it is submitted that the term "adapting" is proper. However, in order to be responsive, the amendment ahs been made.

With respect to the objection to claim 53, Applicants have amended such claim to provide the required antecedent basis referral.

Therefore, in view of the changes to the claim structure to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 without adding any new matter, Applicants respectfully request that this application containing claims 27-63 be allowed and be passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #09530950098MI).

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